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1. SUMMARY: OPPOSITION PARTIES (CDU/CSU) IN PARLIAMENT ISSUED PRESS RELEASE ON FEBRUARY 16 WHICH QUESTIONS "SECRET" AGREEMENT AMONG FRG AND SIX OTHER COUNTRIES ABOUT "GUIDELINES" FOR NUCLEAR EXPORTS. HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESS RELEASE ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN SUMMARY TRANSLATION: FRG AGREED IN LONDON WITH USA, USSR, FRANCE, UK, JAPAN AND CANADA ON "GUIDELINES FOR NUCLEAR EXPORTS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES
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TO NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES". THESE GUIDELINES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO VALID LAW BY REGULA-

TIONS UNDER THE FRG FOREIGN TRADE LAW. THE NPT WILL BE DECISIVELY INFLUENCED IN A REGULATORY WAY BY THESE GUIDELINES. IT IS ALSO ASTONISHING THAT THE EC MEMBER STATES, WHO ALSO SIGNED THE (NPT) SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT JOINTLY, DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. FRG OBLIGATED ITSELF BY AGREEMENT WITH THESE GUIDELINES; IT IMPLEMENTS THEM DOMESTICALLY WHILE OTHER STATES WHICH COMPETE ON THE WORLD MARKET ONLY OBLIGATE THEMSELVES TO ISSUE SIMILAR GUIDELINES. THE GUIDELINES ARE NOT AN INTERNATIONAL LEGAL OBLIGATION. IT CANNOT BE EXCLUDED THAT INTENSIFIED NUCLEAR EXPORT CONTROLS WERE FIRST DEMANDED UNDER SUPER-POWER PRESSURE AFTER THE GERMAN - BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT. THE US DOESN'T NEED AN EXPORT MARKET FOR NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS BUT FRG CANNOT OFFER THEM AT FAVORABLE CONDITIONS BECAUSE ITS DOMESTIC MARKET IS SMALL. THE GERMAN NUCLEAR INDUSTRY OCCUPIES A PRE-EMINENT POSITION IN WORLD BUT FRG CAN ENDANGER THIS POSITION SIGNIFICANTLY BY INADEQUATE SUPPORT FOR EXPORTS. PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES MUST EXAMINE HOW MUCH THE GERMAN ECONOMY IS DISADVANTAGED BY AN EXTENSION OF THE NPT THROUGH THESE NEW GUIDELINES.

3. TO CLARIFY THE PROBLEMS IN THIS CONNECTION, THE CDU/CSU POSES THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN THE PARLIAMENT:

A. ON WHAT PRINCIPLES DID THE FRG CONDUCT THE VARIOUS NEGOTIATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN LONDON, ABOUT JOINT GUIDELINES FOR THE VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL STATES ON THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES?

B. TO WHAT EXTENT WILL THE GUIDELINES ACCEPTED BY THE FRG FOR THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES BE FORWARDED TO PARLIAMENTARY CONTROL BODIES, AND WHEN DOES THE FRG PLAN TO DO THIS?

END SUMMARY TRANSLATION.

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